

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are pending. The pending Office Action indicated that claims 1-14 are allowable over the art of record, but objected based on certain informalities. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter and the rejoinder of claims 2 and 9-14.

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), stating that the web cutting knife recited in claim 2 is not shown. Applicant herein amends FIG. 3 to show a web cutting knife 38. No new matter has been added. In particular, the specification incorporates by reference U.S. Patent 4,712,461 (see page 9, lines 19-22). The material added to FIG. 3 is shown in FIG. 2 of the incorporated '461 patent.

The Office Action objected to various informalities in the specification. Applicant herein amends the specification as suggested in the Office Action to overcome said objections. Applicant has also amended the specification to identify the cutting knife now shown in FIG. 3.

The Office Action objected to claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 10 based on various informalities. Except as described below, Applicant has amended claims 1, 7, 9 and 10 as suggested in the Office Action. Applicant has further amended claim 7 to include consistent indentation in the final clause of that claim. Applicant notes that these amendments are clarifying in nature and that no change in claim scope is intended.


Applicant has not included the suggested amendments to claims 1 and 7 so as to recite "a transfer arm mounted independently of said stop arm ..." (suggested addition underlined). Applicant respectfully submits that the current language of this portion of claims 1 and 7 is clear

on its face. The suggested language is also not completely accurate, as the transfer arm is held by the stop arm until it is released.

As to claims 4 and 5, Applicant has amended "a working stub roll" (claim 4) and "the stub roll" (claim 5) to now refer to "the working roll", and not to the "reserve roll" as suggested by the Office Action. As explained in the specification at page 11, lines 1-8, in an exemplary embodiment receptacle 49 retains a working roll that originated as a reserve roll and has become (upon partial depletion) a stub roll. To provide clearer antecedent basis in the claim, "the working roll" is now recited in lieu of the original "a working stub roll." The amendments to claims 4 and 5 are also of a clarifying nature, and no change in claim scope is intended.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better form for allowance, he is respectfully urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the below-listed telephone number.

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